

PRESS QUERY

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COMPANY (OpUnit or Corporate): MCI

SUBJECT: Cahokia "Smoking Earth"

REPORTER & MEDIA: Roz Harper, KSD Radio
Pat Szymczak, St. Louis Globe-Democrat

TIME & DATE: August 29, 1980

QUESTION & RESPONSE:

Reporters wanted information on smoking earth. Both said they had heard Monsanto people were at the scene recently and that the Cahokia man had received an anonymous call from an alledged Monsanto employee who told him Monsanto was dumping phosphorus.

Read statement of Aug. 27.

Firmly denied allegation that Monsanto was disposing wastes of any kind into "Dead Creek"...name of ditch involved.

Explained that Monsanto has never owned or had any connection with the property in question.

Reminded callers that the EPA office in Collinsville was aware of situation and involved.

Told reporters we had contacted local police authorities.

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